REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment, Applicant has deleted the text of claim 14 and labeled the claim as canceled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims for the reasons stated in Applicant's Amendment C dated May 24, 2006.

Status of the Claims

Claims 3, 5, 6, 9-13, 15-19, 21, 29, 30, and 32-37 are pending. Claims 3, 5, 6, 9-13, 15-19, 29, 32, and 33 have been amended. A statement of support for each claim amendment has been provided in previously filed Amendment C.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 14, 20, 22-28, 31, and 38-46 have been canceled. In particular, the text of claim 14 has been deleted.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and in view of Amendment C, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Applicant does not believe that a fee is due in connection with this response. If, however, the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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